

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-22 were previously pending, claims 12, 14, 17-22 were previously withdrawn from consideration, claims 11,13,15 and 16 were rejection. Applicants have now cancelled claims 1-10, 13, 15-22; withdrawn Claims 12 and 14 and amended claim 11..

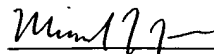
In response to the double patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer. As such the double patenting rejection is now believed moot.

In response to the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Williams (US Patent 5,423,885), claim 11 has been amended. In particular, claim 11 has been amended so as to include the limitations of claim 14, which had not been rejected under Williams. No estoppel or other inference should be drawn from this amendment as to the scope of Williams. As such claim 11 is now believed allowable, as well as all other claims which depend therefrom.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 566-1746.

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